

Northern Middlesex County Cable Advisory Council

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Minutes of January 19th, 2016

Middletown Town Hall – Council Chamber Room

Present: Jon Pulino (M), John Shilke (M), Robin Goss (M), Marco Iacoviello (C), Bill Wilson (M), Gary Aubin (EH), Ken Measimer (EH)

Call to Order at 7:00

Roll Call: names taken upon entering the room

A moment of silence for Bruce Formhals

5. Approval of the previous meeting minutes.

Approval of Agenda

6. Public Speaking - None

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8. Treasurer's Report: Balance of 28,118.36 – No expenses. John Bairos handed a check for \$2000.00 to Treasurer John Shilke. Balance will be 30,118.36 at next meeting.

9. Chairman's Report: Nothing new to report. Other categories coming up next

10. Vice Chairman's Report: Customers complaining to members about the loss of YES channel and the fact that their bill didn't go down. John Bairos reports that Comcast is in Negotiations with YES to get them back. Been in negotiations since November, 2015.

11. John Bairos Report: VH1Soul has become BET Soul
CMT Country has become CMT Music
ABC Family has become Free Form
H2 has become Vice Land
Palladia has become MTV Live

Community Relations: \$2250.00 donated by Comcast to United Way
Comcast will add a total of 200 new employees to the existing call centers

12. Kirsten give handouts regarding PA Studio activities. Painting/Re-modeling has been finished at the studio....New equipment (edit software), TVs, etc. Workshops available to the public. Recommend producers update their opening/closing credits.

January 19, 2016 – Birthday Party (4 years) / Open House for Studio

13. Customer complaints: Middletown resident sent their Cable Bill payment to Jon Pulino's residence. Customers from Middletown complaining about YES TV being removed from their access. Robin Goss reported a positive personal experience with Comcast Customer Service.

14. Attendance/Bylaw/Veteran Report – Nothing to report on attendance. No updates or comments on the Bylaws. We are not getting any responses from Veterans. Middletown seems to have quite a few Veterans organizations and we're trying to get in touch with them. We think that they might all share a common office

- space. Recommended to speak with Phil Cacciola regarding this issue. Portland got back to me – after 1 note from Sue Bransfield and 3 tries from me: “We are not interested”.....was his response....Maybe he thinks that it was SPAM. Going to pursue further. E. Hampton has both a VFW and an American Legion. Gary will investigate. No word from Cromwell as far as status.
15. Scholarship review – All paperwork was sent out to Guidance offices at all participating schools. Recommended that a flyer was created to send to the school newspaper editors for possible addition to their newspapers. Marco is taking care of that.....Advert created.....sent to all 5 town BOE offices for approval.....Haven’t heard back from any of them as of 1/25/2016.
 16. No tabled items from December meeting
 17. Good of the order – Bruce Formhals..former NMCCAC member passed away
 18. Adjournment at 7:34 pm.

Meetings for 2016: 3/21/16, 5/16/16,7/18/16,9/19/16,11/21/16, 1/17/17 (Tuesday).